

**Mental Health and Addiction Transformation Work Group
Consumer/Family Involvement Sub-Committee Meeting**

MINUTES

September 26, 2006

Members present: Ryan McCarty, Susan Pieples, Ronda Ames, Ruth Summers, Jane Horn, Gina Eckart, Michael Connor, and Rosie Carney

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

The meeting was called to order and minutes were approved.

CONSUMER COUNCIL REPORT:

The Consumer Council made recommendations to change the Gatekeeper Rule to allow persons to leave the state hospital and go to a new community to make a new start; recommended certification for peer specialists, funding for consumer and family involvement and additional funding for peer support in the community.

TWG REPORT:

The TWG meeting in September had a report from Suzanne Clifford on Recovery and Employment pilot initiatives in Ohio; and Dr. Mellows from the Veterans Administration on initiatives for veterans covering physical and mental health, substance abuse, and a 50 bed homeless facility in Indianapolis.

PLANNING, DELIVERY, EVALUATION OF SERVICES:

Members reviewed and approved the final drafts of what consumers and families need to become full partners in the planning and evaluation of services.

Members discussed how to present to the large TWG meeting on October 10th. It was decided to present the definition of partner first. Kellie's original definition was approved with the minor addition of the wording "a person who is receiving services or has received services". Then each member of the subcommittee will read a personal story of barriers consumers and families face in being able to come to the meetings to be full partners. Finally, Kim will present the three documents of recommendations for review by the TWG and answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to difficulties with calling in and parking, it was decided to move the monthly meeting to the office of KEY Consumer Organization. KEY has readily available free parking as well as a multi-line free 800 phone number for members who need to call in to the meetings. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. The Next meeting will be at KEY, 2506 Willowbrook Parkway, Suite 199, on October 24th.

Respectfully Submitted,

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